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***Via Hand Delivery***

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

**Re: MA D.T.E. 02-8**

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

I am writing this letter on behalf of AT&T in response to the Hearing Officer's request for comments on Verizon's request for a two business day extension for the filing of its surrebuttal testimony.

AT&T has no objection provided that at least a one business day extension (and preferably two) is allowed for the date by which carriers may request that the Department permit the filing of surrebuttal testimony. Under the current schedule, that date is Friday, June 21. Between the date that the parties will receive Verizon's testimony (presumably end of day on Tuesday, June 18) and Friday, June 21, AT&T counsel will be in hearings and unable to coordinate a review and determination as to whether a response to Verizon's testimony is required. Accordingly, AT&T does not object to an extension of Verizon's date for filing surrebuttal provided that the June 21 deadline for CLECs to notify the Department regarding a desire to file surrebuttal is moved to at least June 24 and preferably June 25.

Sincerely,

Jay E. Gruber

Enclosure

cc: Hearing Officer  
Service List